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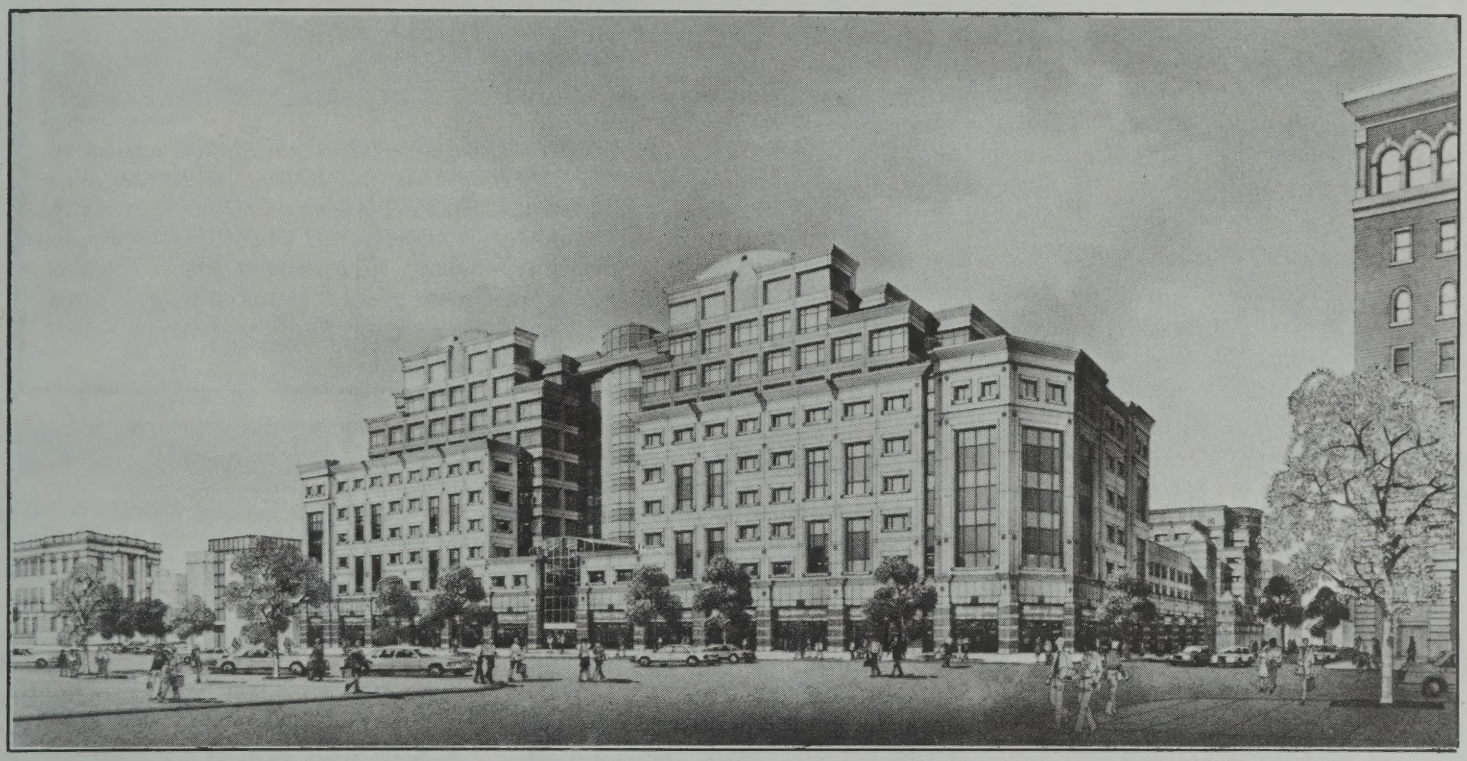

Rothe-Johnson Associates drawing

NEW CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING—This architect's drawing shows the new Motor Vehicle Services' central office building that will rise at the corner of S. Montgomery and E. State Sts. The building is divided in the center by an atrium, where elevators will be located. A parking garage is shown to the right background of the nine-story structure. The Broad Street National Bank building is on the right of the picture. On the left is City Hall. The central office building faces E. State St., with Montgomery St. along the side. Occupancy is expected in late 1992.

Division sets $26,947 charity record

MV people contributed a record $26,947 to the 1990 New Jersey State Employees Charitable Campaign (NJSECC), a dramatic increase from the 1989 donation of $20,399.

Three MVS areas had 100 percent participation. They were the Northern Regional Office, the Personnel Management Bureau and the Salem Inspection Station.

Singled out for exemplary personal support in the NJSECC were Art Biggs, of the Facilities Management Bureau; Walter Henry, Jr., of the Bakers Basin Inspection Station; Central Regional employees and Customer Services people.

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Ed Besko, of the Employee Services Section, was the division coordinator for the charity campaign, which benefits more than 1,000 agencies, services and programs.

Assisting Besko in the drive were Al Adler, Linda Finigan, Robert Giangrasso, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Marie Kraus, Maryanne Lashutka, Mary Ann Patton, Rosemary Ragazzo, Joanne Rhodes, JoAnn Sary, Howard Schwartz, Darlene Swinnerton, Jill Terry, Rosemarie Ver, Fred Warner, Suzan Weissman, Christine Wheeler and Regina White.

Moving day for Tale Lite

Periodically *Tale Lite* reports where other people and areas have moved. Now it's our turn.

The *Tale Lite* office moved from the seventh floor of 25 S. Montgomery St. to the sixth floor. We can still be reached at the same phone number, 292-8231.

Joining us on the sixth floor are the Communications Office, the Office of Special Assistance, the Planning Office, the Legal Services Office and the Human Resource/Organizational Development (HR/OD) office.

THE TALK AT MVS

Congratulations to Assistant Director **Donald F. Henry** on becoming a first-time grandfather. His granddaughter, **Chrysti Lyn Stecker,** was born January 26 to his daughter, **Cynthia,** and son-in-law, **Charles Stecker**.

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Congratuations to CSR2 **Melanie Lewis,** of the Burlington Agency, on her marriage November 10 to State Trooper **Johnny Baker**. They honeymooned in the Poconos.

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Helen Bonk, daughter of Examination Technician **Gerald Bonk,** of the Toms River Driver Testing Center, has received an academic achievement award, given by the Burlington County Secondary Principals and Supervisors Association. She is a junior on the Medford campus of the county's vocational and technical school.

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Congratulations to **Alice Nemeth,** personnel aide 2 in the Personnel Management Bureau, on her marriage to **Raymond Norcross,** an employee of the Roller Bearing Company of America.

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Christine Alveari, supervisor of the East Orange Motor Vehicle Agency, has announced her engagement to **Joseph Kovac,** a service technician with Maycor, Inc., in Fairfield. A November 1991 wedding is planned.

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Congratulations to **Denise Goddard,** secretarial assistant 3 in the Communications Office, on the birth of her second child, **Tiffany Knight Goddard,** on March 10, weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces.

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Condolences are extended to **Albert R. Roulette,** safety specialist 2 at the Toms River Inspection Station, on the death of his wife, **Mary,** on March 13.

MVS uniforms net honorable mention

Motor Vehicle Services earned an honorable mention award in the 1991 Image of the Year competition sponsored by the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors, New York.

The contest was judged on the basis of photographs of uniforms worn by MV people at field facilities.

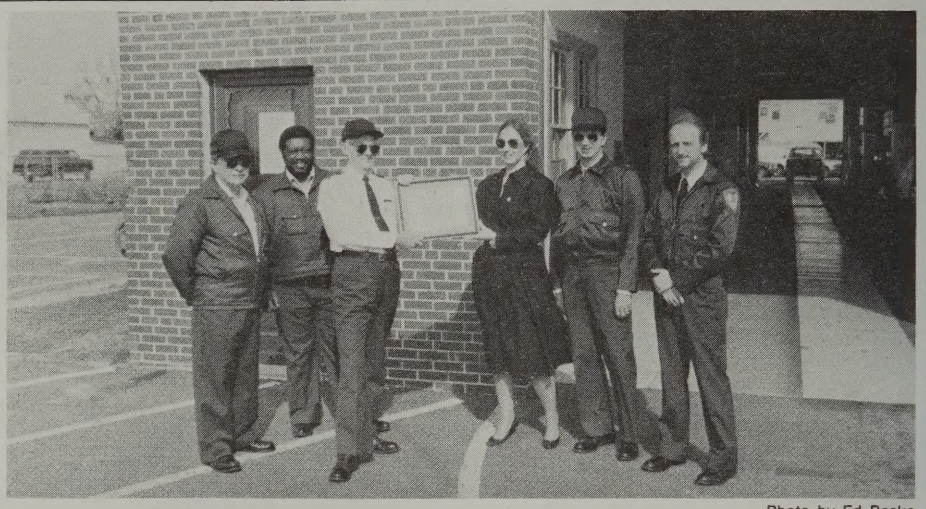

Photo by Ed Besko

100 PERCENT PARTICIPATION—The Salem Inspection Station was one of three areas of the division and the only station that had 100 percent participation in the New Jersey State Employees Charitable Campaign (NJSECC). Posing with their certificate of appreciation are (from left) Carl Brida, Charles Faulk, Joseph Leahan, Judy Kirkpatrick, representing the Southern Region, Arthur Layman Jr. and Herbert Berry. Absent when photo was taken were Vincent Monticello and John Toms. The other areas were the Northern Regional Office and the Personnel Management Bureau.

APPLYING THE BRAKES

Congratulations to the following MV people on joining the ranks of the retired:

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Nora T. Fragale, principal data entry machine operator, after 26 years. She joined MVS in February 1965 as a junior key punch operator. Active in church volunteer work, she is a member of the St. Anthony's Senior Group.

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James E. Hines, Sr., safety specialist 1, after 17 years. He joined MVS in March 1974 as an examiner at the Westfield Inspection Station and during his career worked at the Salem and Bridgeton stations. He was assigned to the Millville and Vineland Driver Testing Center for the last two years. He is a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 5343 in Villas and the American Legion Post 0181 in Penns Grove.

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Michael Klimenak, safety specialist 1, after 14 years. He joined the division in September 1976 as an examiner at the Lodi Inspection Station and spent his entire career at Lodi.

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Bertha Nelson, safety specialist 3, after 13 years. She joined the division in February 1977 as a clerk in Licenses and Registrations. She also worked in Certificate of Ownership and Transaction Auditing.

PERSONNEL TIPS

Open enrollment month

MV people who want to change their health plan or add dependents must do so in April, which is health benefits open enrollment month.

Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) have provided the Employee Services Section with booklets explaining the various plans. The booklets are available from the information racks in the Trenton Regional Service Center cafeteria, the Quakerbridge Plaza Building 12A lunchroom and the Personnel Management Bureau, on the third floor of 25 S. Montgomery St.

Booklets also can be obtained by calling Jerie Parker, in Personnel, at 609-292-6161.

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Effective April 1, filing dates for promotional announcements will change from 21 days to 14 days. All promotional announcements will open on the first of each month and close on the 14th of the month.

PROFILE

Roseanna Rosa

Photo by Maureen Sczpanski

- **Job Description:**

  Supervisor of 21 employees at the Cherry Hill Motor Vehicle Agency and Driver Testing Center.

- **MV History:**

  Started with Motor Vehicles nine years ago as a supervisor. When the agency became state operated in 1986, she stayed on and moved into the position she holds today. Before coming to MVS, she worked as a chiropractor's assistant and as an executive secretary at Campbell's Soup.

- **Professional Accomplishment:**

  ". . . Working at a new model agency. Before, we had numerous complaints from customers who had to travel back and forth between the agency and testing center to get a license. Now, we get compliments. It's a one-stop shop."

- **Residence:**

  Cherry Hill resident for 12 years. Born in South Camden, she was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School there.

- **Hobbies:**

  Bowling, bike riding on the boardwalk in Ocean City (where she and her husband own a condo), tennis and participating in charitable organizations such as Big Brother/Big Sister, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the West Jersey Hospital Auxiliary (she's treasurer of the Woodcrest chapter).

- **Favorite Charity:**

  Juvenile Diabetes Association. "My niece has had diabetes since she was two years old. . ."

- **Personal Philosophy:**

  "Try to look at everything positively . . . I try to think that everyone who walks through these doors (of the motor vehicle agency) is a good person."

- **Family:**

  Married 21 years to husband, Jules. Daughter, Kimberly, 19; son, James, 16.

Photos by George Robinson

TRIBUTE TO THE TROOPS

MV displays in support of troops who served in the Persian Gulf popped up around the division last month.

The flag-draped bulletin board on the 5th floor of 137 E. State St. had hearts representing relatives and friends serving in the military. Judy Serben (right), who decorated the board, shows the display to her supervisor, Lilah Laslo, of the Transaction Auditing Unit.

At 135 E. State St., Data Entry Section people gather around a tree decorated with yellow ribbons. They are (from left) Vicky Mial, Alice Alston, Joyce Leven, Michael Lively and Juanita Fulford.

Collection shows driver licenses through years

by Maureen A. Sczpanski

Collectibles are all the rage these days, with people collecting everything from buttons and glassware to postcards and yes, even old driver licenses.

Mark Marino's grandfather, Angelo, must have seen the wave of the future. He started collecting driver licenses back in 1916, the first year they were issued in New Jersey. And he kept on saving them, with the last license in his collection issued in 1986, four years before he passed away.

Marino, supervisor 2 at MVS' Technical Support Unit, Quakerbridge Plaza, inherited the unusual collection and has looked after it with care.

"My grandfather was a true collector," he explained, adding that the former baker had made collecting a hobby. "After he died, my uncles gave me the licenses because they thought no one else would be interested in them. I find the way they've changed fascinating."

And change they did.

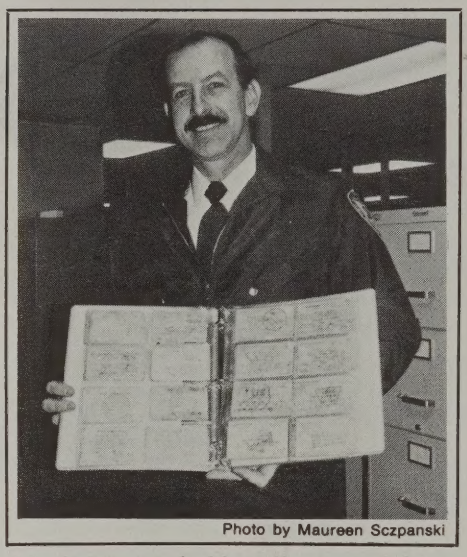

Photo by Maureen Sczpanski

Mark Marino holds collection of driver licenses that were issued to his grandfather, Angelo.

New Jersey started issuing licenses in 1916 to people who "drove cars of less than 30 horsepower," or at least that's what it said on the documents. This line was removed from licenses the following year, probably to reflect changes in the automotive industry.

The cost for the light blue document was a mere $2 in 1916, but a year later the cost rose to $3. Licenses were renewed annually back then. A quick calculation shows that if a four-year license had existed, it could have cost $12. So, in 75 years the cost for a basic license increased by less then 50 percent. (The price stayed at $3 through the depression and World War II. In 1968 the cost rose to $4.)

The only identifying mark on these early licenses was the applicant's signature, placed boldly on the back of the documents. Addresses and personal information such as eye and hair color, weight and height were added in the mid-20s.

It wasn't until the 1940s that information on corrective lenses, or eyeglasses, started appearing on licenses. From 1953 to 1955, the documents "grew" several inches, taking on a look similar to today's insurance identification cards. Apparently they weren't very popular, since they were replaced in the mid-50s by a smaller, more compact document.

After 1963, when the identifying autopics we use today were introduced, change was limited to maybe a different color or a slightly different format. In 1989, MVS began issuing smaller, laminated documents, with the division's new logo displayed across the top.

So is this collection valuable? Marino says that he never checked to see if it was worth anything.

"I wouldn't sell them (the licenses) even if they were worth something," he said, "just because they belonged to my grandfather."

THE MAILBAG

The following excerpts from letters to the division complimented MVS people.

Special . . .

. . . Three of your employees, Catherine Jaworski, Joseph Vasil and Kenneth Hinton (Technical Support Unit), deserve special recognition for their efforts in training our commercial driver license (CDL) instructor and assisting us during a very hectic and trying time . . .

Jesse B. Brown, PSE&G, Edison

Dedicated . . .

Often our attitude about motor vehicle agencies was very negative. However, my experience in the Washington Agency was quite to the contrary . . . I was treated with professionalism, expertise and a sincere dedication to assist me with my complicated problem.

Judy Snyder must be complimented and recognized for her care and consideration given to me and I'm sure to all the customers she serves in the agency.

John P. Abbott, principal
Sand Shore School, Budd Lake

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Attorney General

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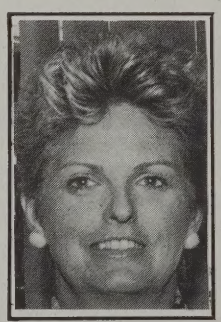

Employees are invited to share their stories, opinions and anecdotes by calling 609-292-8231, by mailing them to the Communications Office, CN 164, Trenton, NJ 08666, or by coming in person to the 6th floor, 25 S. Montgomery St.

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